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E.O. 12065: GDS 4/1/87 (MORRIS, CHESTER E.)
TAGS: SREF, AF, SA
SUBJECT: AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF

REF: (A) STATE 64533, (B) STATE 64535

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT.)
2. ON MARCH 31, ENDOFF DISCUSSED CURRENT STATUS OF UNHCR AND WORLD FOOD PROGRAM AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM WITH

INFORMATION EMBASSY WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE FROM REPTELS AND AGREED THAT THE MATTER DESERVED ADDITIONAL ATTENTION.

3. IN INFORMALLY ASSESSING THE PROSPECTS FOR INCREASED SAUDI CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNHCR, SAID THERE WAS AN EXCELLENT CHANCE SAUDI ARABIA WOULD BE FORTHCOMING TO SOME EXTENT, BUT STRESSED THE SAUDI VIEW THAT THE FIGHTING IN AFGHANISTAN REPRESENTS A CHALLENGE FACING ISLAM THAT CAN BEST BE MET THROUGH ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY AND ISLAMIC ORGANIZATIONS.

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[] ON THE OTHER HAND, GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION, THE MUSLIN WORLD LEAGUE AND RED CRESCENT EARMARKED FOR REFUGEE RELIEF HAVE BEEN, AND MOST LIKELY WILL CONTINUE TO BE, ANNOUNCED TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE STRUGGLE AND ENCOURAGE PRIVATE SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN GROUPS INVOLVED IN FIGHTING INSIDE AFGHANISTAN AND RELIEF EFFORTS IN PAKISTAN.
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